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DEPT FOR SCA/RA ATTN: JOSEPH BRENNIG

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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR BALANCE BUFFALO 08-1 FROM JANUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2008.

- 11. This is an action request. See para three.
- 12. The following unit has been selected for participation in the Balance Buffalo 08-1 exercise from January 28 March 7, 12008. Post vetting was completed on November 5, 2007. Post requests that vetting be completed by November 20, 2007, to provide sufficient time for processing. Post requests the department conduct Leahy vetting for the following unit:

Unit: 1st Para-Commandos Name of Commander: Md. Touhidul Islam

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Location of Unit: Sylhet, Bangladesh Commander Personal Number: BA-2777 Commander's DOB: 20 November 1964

- 13. Post requests that the Department of State authorize post to make the following statement to the relevant DOD units: "Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above named individual or unit."
- $\P 4$. Post Human Rights Officer is Luke Zahner, unclass e-mail:zahnerlv@state.gov.
- 15. COMMENT: Embassy has no information to indicate this individual or any unit he has served in has been involved in gross violations of human rights.

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